

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Motor vehicle roof, comprising:

a ~~fixed~~ roof skin,

a roof opening in the roof skin,

a cover for opening and closing said roof opening, ~~said a displacement mechanism for moving the cover being mounted for displacement~~ between a closed position closing the roof opening, a ventilation position in which the cover is pivoted upward around a pivot axis near a front edge of the cover so as to have a rear edge of the cover located above the height of the roof skin, and an open position in which at least a portion of the upwardly pivoted cover is pushed to rearward over the ~~fixed~~ roof skin, and

a support lever for supporting a rear area of the cover in said the ventilation and open position positions which includes a first pivotable end, a second end, and an intermediate joint between the first end and second of the support lever,

wherein said support lever ~~being~~ is coupled at ~~one~~ the first pivotable end to a rear area of the cover and ~~at an opposite~~ the second end is guided within a channel of a guide rail located underneath the roof skin,

wherein, during displacement of the cover from the closed to the ventilating and open positions, the intermediate joint is raised into the channel of the guide rail, and the first end of the support lever is elevated above the roof skin, and

wherein the support lever and the guide rail ~~being~~ are located essentially in a transversely central portion of the motor vehicle roof.

2. (Currently Amended) Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein a section of the ~~fixed~~ roof skin located behind the roof opening is formed by a transparent roof plate which extends laterally into areas of vehicle body side members in an installed state of the roof.

3. (Currently Amended) Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of a section of the ~~fixed~~ roof skin located behind the roof opening and the cover are transparent.

4. (Original) Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein the roof is a prefabricated roof module for installation as a unit on a roof frame of a vehicle body.

5. (Original) Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein the roof skin comprises stationary panels located rearward of the roof opening.

6. (Original) Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein the roof skin comprises removable panels located rearward of the roof opening.

7. (Currently Amended) Motor vehicle, comprising:
a vehicle body having a roof frame with vehicle body side members,
a ~~fixed~~ roof skin,
a roof opening in the roof skin,
a cover for opening and closing said roof opening, ~~said a displacement mechanism for moving the cover being mounted for displacement~~ between a closed position closing the roof opening, a ventilation position in which the cover is pivoted upward around a pivot axis near a front edge of the cover so as to have a rear edge of the cover located above the height of the roof skin, and an open position in which at least a portion of the upwardly pivoted cover is pushed to rearward over the ~~fixed~~ roof skin, and
a support lever for supporting a rear area of the cover in said the ventilation and open position positions which includes a first pivotable end, a second end, and an intermediate joint between the first end and second end of the support lever,
wherein said support lever ~~being~~ is coupled at ~~one the first pivotable~~ end to a rear area of the cover and ~~at an opposite the second~~ end is guided within a channel of a guide rail located underneath the roof skin,

wherein, during displacement of the cover from the closed to the ventilating and open positions, the intermediate joint is raised into the channel of the guide rail and the first end of the support lever is elevated above the roof skin, and

wherein the support lever and the guide rail ~~being~~ are located essentially in a transversely central portion of the motor vehicle roof.

8. (Currently Amended) Motor vehicle as claimed in claim 7, wherein a section of the ~~fixed~~ roof skin located behind the roof opening is formed by a transparent roof plate which extends laterally into areas of the vehicle body side members.

9. (Currently Amended) Motor vehicle as claimed in claim 7, wherein at least one of a section of the ~~fixed~~ roof skin located behind the roof opening and the cover are transparent.

10. (Original) Motor vehicle as claimed in claim 7, wherein the roof is a prefabricated roof module installed as a unit on the roof frame of the vehicle body.

11. (Original) Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 7, wherein the roof skin comprises stationary panels located rearward of the roof opening.

12. (Original) Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 7, wherein the roof skin comprises removable panels located rearward of the roof opening.